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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 09/450,417	Applicant(s) CHIANG, MING-HUANG	
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**Status**

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 1999.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 3 is/are rejected.

7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☒ All   b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

**Attachment(s)**

15) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	18) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Objections*

1. Claims 1-4 are objected to because of the following informalities: The "a" in line 9 of claim 1 should be a "the", since the pivot members seem to be the same elements as the pivot members in line 3; the "a flat plan" in line 11 of claim 1 should be "a flat plane" for being appropriate in meaning; "the housing seat plates" in line 2 of claim 2 seem to be "the holding seat plate" in line 7 of claim 1, since it is in an L-shaped configuration as stated on page 6 of the specification; and the "the" in line 3 of claim 4 should not be there. Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "the lower edge" in lines 3-4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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Claim 3 recites the limitation "the lateral edge" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "the bottom section" in lines 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barrett et al. (US 5,810,459) in view of Murphy (US 4,979,075).

Barrett teaches a structure comprising:

- a front side board (26b, fig. 1), a rear side board (28b, fig. 1), a top side board (16, fig. 1), a bottom side board (14, fig. 1), a left side board (18b, fig. 1), and a right side board (20b, fig. 1)
- a plurality of pivot members (58b, fig. 3)
- a plurality of securing seat plates (31, 181, fig. 9)
- a holding seat plate (160, 118, fig. 8) having a plurality of disc (168b, fig. 8) and slots (128, fig. 8)

Barrett fails to teach a plurality of securing plates being provided on the front side board and a holding plate being disposed on the rear side board. However, Murphy teaches a plurality of securing seat plates (side boards of 104, fig. 1) provided on a front side board of a computer housing for disk drives, and a holding seat plate (not numbered, fig. 1) disposed on a rear side board of the computer housing for a power source supply (105, fig. 1). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Barrett with a plurality of securing seat plates and a holding seat plate taught by Murphy such that the disk drives can be accessed from the front of the computer housing.

6. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barrett et al. in view of Taylor et al. (US 4,836,626).

Barret discloses the claimed invention except the pivot members being hinges. However, Taylor teaches a plurality of pivot members being hinges (88, fig. 18). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Barrett with the hinges taught by Taylor such that the side boards can be swung open and close while bring attached.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

7. Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The best prior art of record, Barrett et al. (US 5,810,459) and Murphy (US 4,979,075), taken alone or in combination fails to teach or fairly suggest a structure of a computer comprising: side boards; a plurality of pivot members hingedly disposed along edges of the side boards; and a power source supply being provided with an engaging rod at each bottom section of lateral sides thereof as set forth in claim 4.

### ***Correspondence***

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yean-Hsi Chang whose telephone number is (703) 306-5798. The examiner can normally be reached on 07:30-16:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on (703) 308-0538. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3431 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 305-8558.

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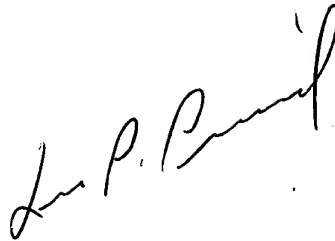
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Yean-Hsi Chang

Patent Examiner

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